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SUBJ: ALLEGED PREPARATIONS FOR US INTERVENTION IN

TRINIDAD AND VENEZUELA

REF: POS 483; POS 498

1. IN A MARCH 4 EDITORIAL, THE TRINIDAD "EXPRESS" TERMED CHARGES THAT THE UNITED STATES WAS PREPARING TO INTERVENE ON BEHALF OF TEXACO IN THE CURRENT DISPUTE AND THAT IT PLANNED TO USE TRINIDAD AS BASE FOR SUBVERSIVE ACTIVITIES AGAINST VENEZUELA AS A "RED HERRING" WHICH HAD NOT BEEN SUPPORTED BY EVIDENCE. THE CHARGES WERE MADE BY GEORGE WEEKES, PRESIDENT-GENERAL OF THE OILFIELD WORKERS TRADE UNION, IN AN EXCLUSIVE FRONT-PAGE INTERVIEW IN THE MARCH 2 EDITION OF THE "EXPRESS." (REFTELS.)

2. THE PERTINENT PARAGRAPHS OF THE "EXPRESS" EDITORIAL FOLLOW:

QUOTE MR. WEEKES, IN AN EXCLUSIVE EXPRESS INTERVIEW MADE CERTAIN STATEMENTS REGARDING THE UNITED STATES' DESIRE TO USE TRINIDAD AS A BASE FOR "SUBVERSIVE ACTIVITIES" AGAINST VENEZUELA. THIS APPEARS TO BE A RED HERRING WHICH HAS NO RELEVANCE WHATSOEVER IN THE PRESENT IMPASSE BE- UNCLASSIFIED

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TWEEN THE UNION AND TEXACO. MR. WEEKES SHOULD BE ABLE

TO BACK UP SUCH STATEMENTS WITH EVIDENCE.  
HE WOULD BE BETTER ADVISED TO STOP HIS RHETORIC AND GET  
DOWN WITH THE BUSINESS BEFORE HIM, I.E., SETTLING THE  
DISPUTE WITH TEXACO BEARING IN MIND THE ECONOMY OF TRINIDAD  
AND TOBAGO AND THE NEED TO BALANCE OILWORKERS' RIGHTS WITH  
THE WIDER INTERESTS OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO.UNQUOTE.  
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